



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena Valley

We are glad you are here.

Please visit our website at www.avpc.org for more information about our beliefs, our staff and our ministries.

Here are a few details which might be helpful to you.

- Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families. But, in case you need it, we do offer childcare for children ages 3 and under during both morning services. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions to where the childcare area is located.
- Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They may meet their teachers in the Welcome Center after the Pastoral Prayer. (The worship leader will indicate when the children can exit the sanctuary.) If you are a first- or second-time visitor, please walk with your child so you are able to register them. Children may be picked up in Sunday School classes after the early service and in the Worship Center Room after the late service.
- A Nursing Mother's room, with an audio feed of the service, is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.
- As part of our discipleship efforts, we are pleased to offer Sunday School for all ages during the hours of 9:45-10:45. Information sheets with a location map of all classes and a list of topics for the adult classes are available in the Welcome Center and Parlor.

If you are visiting with us, we would love an opportunity to get to know you better. Please scan the QR code below, or sign the pew registry pad. We give our first-time visitors a small gift, which you can get in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 3, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb’ring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving—can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers and our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior—tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then he’ll call us home to heaven, at his table we’ll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signalling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.

Through God's Word, his people are called to enter into his presence in corporate worship.

Our welcome of one another is a tangible expression of God's welcome to us.

PLEASE STAND

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 34:1-8

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suffering, never trace, nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ, in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Michael Bleecker.

"This is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

“The Goodness of Jesus” (8:30 AM Service)

Come you weary heart now to Jesus;
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, he is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer;
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again,
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, he is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come and find your hope now in Jesus.
He is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour’s heart,
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

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Words and Music by Fiona Aghajanian, Harrison Druery, Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson.

WESTMINSTER LARGER AND HEIDELBERG CATECHISMS

PLEASE BE SEATED

WLC - Q178: What is prayer?

WLC - A178: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

HC - Q116: Why do Christians pray?

HC - A116: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them.

WLC - Q183: For whom are we to pray?

WLC - A183: We are to pray for the whole church of Christ upon earth; for government officials, and ministers; for ourselves, our brethren, and yes, our enemies; and for all sorts of men living or who shall live afterward.

WLC - Q184: For what things are we to pray?

WLC - A184: We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others good; but not for anything that is unlawful.

SILENT CONFESSION

*We encourage you
to use this time for
silent reflection.*

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (11:00 AM Service)

(Soloist only)

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne, make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

(Congregation join in)

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear
To him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his Word and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Adapted from Hebrews 7:25-27; 10:10

Hear the good news of the gospel: Christ Jesus is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Jesus, our high priest, meets our needs, because he is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has offered the perfect sacrifice for our sins, once and for all, when he offered himself on the cross. We have been made holy through that sacrifice once for all.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #535

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of his love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

We receive assurance that Jesus, our great high priest, has offered the perfect "once and for all" sacrifice for our sins.

PLEASE STAND

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM Service)

Griffin William Klose - son of Ricky & Angie Klose

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #189 (11:00 AM Service)

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

Jesus loves you, this I know for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong

*(1st chorus) Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

*(2nd chorus) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:
If I love him, when I die he will take me home on high. *(2nd chorus)*

This morning's anthem is based on the title spiritual, the 16th century German chorale, "Wake, Awake, the Night is Flying," and the early 20th century African-American song, "This Little Light of Mine." The song alludes to the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (found in Matthew 25:1-13) where they await the return of the bridegroom. The wise virgins, who brought extra oil for their lamps, are ready and prepared; the foolish virgins, who did not bring extra oil, find themselves left behind when the groom arrives. So we too are wise if we are ready when the bridegroom, Jesus Christ, returns. And what does it mean to be ready? We must be born again through saving faith in Jesus Christ. (John 3:3-5, 16)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (8:30 AM Service)

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the Day is drawing nigh. Wake, awake, night is flying. Wake, awake, the Day is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary, 'til your work is done. Christian, rest in Jesus, 'til your work is done. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. I'm gonna keep it burning!

(At this time, children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They will exit to the Welcome Center to meet their teachers. If you are a first- or second-time visitor, please walk with your child so you are able to register them. Children may be picked up in Sunday School classes after the early service and in the Worship Center Room after the late service.)

SCRIPTURE READING • Luke 22:31-32

^{22:31} "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

SERMON • “Pray for One Another” Rev. Blake Harris

Here is perhaps the highest privilege any Christian has in a community of believers: the privilege of intercession. Intercession is praying for a fellow Christian, bringing that brother or sister before God with specific requests. In Jesus’ interaction with Peter, we see four characteristics of intercession.

Intercession is:

I. Spiritual War

II. Loving

III. Specific

IV. Effective

*As an act of
worship, we give
back to God a
portion of our
many blessings.*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer! Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*“Can we find a
friend so faithful
who will all our
sorrows share?
Jesus knows our
every weakness.
Take it to the Lord
in prayer.”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

PLEASE STAND

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

*(Chorus) He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; his Promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *(Chorus)*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast;
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last. *(Chorus)*

Words and music by Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker.

BENEDICTION

*Our worship
concludes with
God sending us
into the world
with his blessing.*

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (March 4 - March 10)

Leviticus 23 • Leviticus 26 • Numbers 11–12 • Numbers 13–14 • Numbers 16–17

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Gregg and Julie Nicholson with United World Mission in Bangkok, Thailand. Gregg is the team leader for the Bangkok team. He also serves as a coordinator for the Thailand Evangelism and Church Growth Committee and the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand. Julie serves as a Learning Disabilities specialist at the International Community School.

- **LOST AND FOUND:** The church lost and found is overflowing with unclaimed items. If you've been missing anything, check the lost and found shelf, located in the church office next to the Parlor door. Any items unclaimed by March 4 will be donated to charity.
- **PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** This monthly support group meets every first Tuesday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Fireplace Room. It is designed for parents or caregivers of individuals with physical, intellectual, or other disabilities to encourage and pray for one another. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 5. For questions, email Nicole Collier (nicolec@bellsouth.net).
- **COVENANT MOMS' PRAYER:** Women of all ages are invited to a time of prayer from 8:30 – 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 6 in the Conference Room. We will spend this time praying for the children, parents and teachers of our AVPC Family and community.
- **MEN'S QUARTERLY GAME NIGHT:** Men of all ages, join us this Thursday, March 7, for a night of pizza and board games at the home of Holt and Laura Gray (1416 Buckhead Road) from 6:00 – 8:30 PM. RSVP to Holt at (205) 999-0213.
- **OPERATION COLLEGE CARE PACKS:** The Young Adults will be packing care packages on March 10 for our college students and college age members. Items are due by March 8, and you can set them in the labeled boxes in the Parlor or Welcome Center. Make sure to bring enough items for 28 individuals and to get the individually wrapped version of those items. Contact Blake Harris (blake@avpc.org) if you have any questions.
- **MERCY SUNDAY:** The Mercy Team invites you to join us on Sunday, March 17, for Mercy Sunday. See this month's Saltshaker for more information. See you there!
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour next Sunday, March 10!
- **EASTER EGG HUNT:** AVPC's Children's and Outreach Ministries will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, in Altadena Park. If you would like to leave a donation of plastic eggs or candy, you can do so in one of the labeled boxes in the Parlor or Welcome Center.
- **EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to purchase Easter flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of someone for Easter, please complete an Easter Flower order form, which can be found in the Parlor and Welcome Center. The deadline to submit an order is Sunday, March 24.
- **FAITH PROMISE:** We have received 64 pledges equaling \$153,187 toward a goal of 110 pledges and \$335,000. Additional pledges are welcome. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to Faith Promise.

Calendar

SUNDAY (MARCH 3)

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
 Blake | Luke 22:31-32
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Communicant's Class
- 5:00 PM Kid's Bridge Night
 Youth Group
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study - Parker Home
- 6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

MONDAY (MARCH 4)

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Klose Home

TUESDAY (MARCH 5)

- 6:00 PM Parent/Caregiver Support Group

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6)

- 8:30 AM Covenant Mom's Prayer
- 9:00 AM WTW Bible Study - Church Parlor
- 5:00 PM Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
- 6:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Parker Home
- 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Community Groups

THURSDAY (MARCH 7)

- 9:00 AM Men's Coffee
- 6:00 PM Men's Game Night

FRIDAY (MARCH 8)

- 1:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Bates Home
- 6:00 PM Community Groups

SUNDAY (MARCH 10)*

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Hebrews 10:19-25
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Kid's Bridge Night
 Youth Group
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study - Parker Home

**Daylight Savings (Spring Forward)*

| | Contributions for the Week | Year-To-Date Contributions | Year-To-Date Requirements | Over(Under) Budget |
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| General Fund | \$29,750 | \$273,429 | \$251,369 | \$22,060 |
| Faith Promise | \$9,184 | \$50,712 | \$29,372 | \$21,341 |

AVPC VISION

A community of Christ's coming kingdom, bringing hope to a broken world.

AVPC MISSION

Loving God and loving others as we are transformed by his love.

PASTORAL STAFF

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Blake Harris
Associate Pastor—Adult Ministries

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Paul Barber Steve Barley Brian Beckett Grahame Bobo Brent McClenny Jack Morris
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